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MAY MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday
13 May 1993
time: 6:15 p.m.
Mess Call
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center

The very first winner of the SCV essay contest for Camp #59, Todd Hector, will present his paper as the program this month. The topic of the paper was chosen by the Texas Division. The title is "The Causes of the War Between the States." He will also be awarded \$100 from the Sam G. Cook Memorial Scholarship. Todd is the very first recipient of this scholarship. We hope to see you all there.

WHICH WAR?

(courtesy "Rebel Rouser",
April 1993, Dallas)

The conflict of 1861-65 was not a "Civil War" as it did not take place between two parties seeking control of a single country. It was not a "War of Secession" since the South seceded with no thought of war.

It was not a "War of Rebellion" since sovereign states cannot rebel against each other and the right of a state to secede had never been questioned. According to the Congressional Record of 2 March 1928, per Senate Joint Resolution 41, the United States Congress officially designated the conflict as the "War Between the States", recognizing that the non-seceding states had warred upon the seceded states to force them back into the Union.

COMPATRIOT ROBERT N. WINSTON IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened to report the death of Bob Winston who answered the final roll Sat., 3 April 1993. The April camp meeting was declared a "Service of Remembrance" and a Resolution for a Deceased Compatriot was sent to Sara Winston from the SCV. The funeral was held at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd and burial followed in the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Our condolences to Sara and the family.

TEXAS DIVISION CONVENTION

date: June 11-12, 1993
place: Temple, Texas

The Temple camp has gone all out to provide you with an outstanding convention. Since it is only 60 miles away, ALL of you can go! It would be a good day trip, if nothing else. On Friday, registration is from 3:00-7:00p.m. at the Holiday Inn. At 7:00 there will be a BBQ and Museum tour. Registration starts again at 7:00a.m. at the Mayborn Convention Center. The convention opens at 9:00. There will be a ladies tour and lunch in Salado. SCV'ers have a luncheon, more meetings and an evening banquet (spouses, too). The Holiday Inn is the convention hotel at 802 North Gen. Bruce Dr. (IH 35). A special rate for rooms will be \$39/night for up to 4 people if reserved by May 29th (817-778-4411). Clip and mail the registration form located in this newsletter ASAP.

SAM G. COOK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

AWARDED

The winner of the Texas Division Essay Award on the camp level at Camp #59 is G. Todd Hector. As the winner, he also will be awarded a \$100 scholarship from the SAM G. COOK SCHOLARSHIP FUND. This award will be made at the May camp meeting. Todd will present his paper at the meeting. Please be present to witness the first presentation of this scholarship and to honor Sam and Belle Cook.

OLE MISS AT IT AGAIN

DIXIE is the center of a debate at Ole Miss. because the Black student union want it out. Three blacks in the band refused to play the song in February and took off their sweatshirts and stood with their backs to the basketball court while the song was being played. They now demand the song be struck from the band's repertoire. They believe it is a vestige of segregation, "is a song that mocks the black language by it being written in an unacceptable (sic) style of black dialect, a song that originated during the Civil War when black people were slaves and considered expendable." (Ed.-this shows how ignorant they are in not knowing it originated as a walk around in a minstrel written by Dan Emmett, a yankee.) Responses to a write in seem about equal with an similar number of blacks supporting the song as whites who oppose it. Officials say this is different from the squabble over the flag because Dixie is more closely tied to the school. (Balderdash, hogwash, etc.)

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WHO ARE THE SCV?

(courtesy "The Ranger",
March, 1993, Longview)

On the occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Gen. Lee's birth, Hon. W.T. Ellis spoke the following in his response to the toast, "General Robert E. Lee." Capt. Ellis said:

"Mr. Toastmaster, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Gentlemen: Whoever is asked to address the Sons of Confederate Veterans ought not to overlook the fact that he has been personally complimented and that he is to speak to a select audience. Who are these Sons of Confederate Veterans? I answer: They are the sons of men whose record in war and whose adherence to law and order in times of peace entitle them to a place in the first rank among those who have added renown to American arms and honor to American citizenship.

It is true your fathers fought in defense of a cause that did not succeed; but they did not fight in vain. They struggled to establish a principle which they believed the Constitution of the United States recognized, and during the four stormy years that they followed the shifting fortunes of that cause they not only proved their loyalty and devotion to it, but by their splendid valor and unquestioned courage, they shook a continent by their heroic endeavors and filled the world with the glory of their achievements.

On the record Confederate soldiers made, I insist that every young man who can exhibit an authentic certificate showing that his father was a 'good Confederate soldier' exhibits a title in fee simple to an estate more valuable than all the stocks and bonds that coporate

wealth and commercial greed can under any conditions acquire."

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

THREE SERVICES

The men of Camp #59 were so much in demand that we participated in three separate services--here in Austin, in San Antonio, and in Waco. Greg Hector, Kerry Hellums, Todd Hector, and Ron Cartlidge appeared in uniform at the service in San Antonio and had a major part in the service. Compatriots John Hagler and Steven Vanderhoof journeyed to Waco to help the folks there. Cdr. Matetzsch led the remainder of the camp in the service at Oakwood Cemetery in Austin. We were spread a little thinly, but no one is to say that Camp #59 did not do its duty. Congratulations to all who participated!



A RAILROAD WAR

If WBTS armies on the march depended on supply wagons, armies of that size depended on railroads simply to exist. For example, on the Peninsula, McClellan's 100,000-man army required 600 tons of supplies every day. These were delivered to front-line depots by railroad. Thousands of men were sent by rail from Virginia by the U.S. and C.S. in the contest for Chattanooga in 1863. The South's failing rail system was sorely tried. "Never before were such crazy cars used for hauling good soldiers," said a Confederate officer.

Registration

Clip and Mail By May 25, 1993 to: Larry Maxey, Convention Registration
105 Ruggles Loop
Temple, TX 76501

Delegates Name: _____ SCV Camp _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No. () _____ SCV Title: _____ MOS&B Title: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Reservations: _____ Total

BarBQ Dinner & Museum Tour (6/11) _____ at \$10.00 each \$

Luncheon (6/12) _____ at \$12.50 each

Awards Dinner (6/12) _____ at \$15.00 each

Ladies Day Tour to Salado & Lunch (6/12) _____ at \$35.00.....

Total: \$

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